

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q - It appears that we're applying the inspection/certification procedure to all (non-mfg) wood products rather than just coniferous. Is this the intent?

A - Our Policy applies to all non-manufactured wood, even though the EC measure only applies to coniferous wood. The reason is we wanted to go through an implementation process only once, rather than set a policy and then have to turn around and revise it the following year to meet anticipated UN requirement for all NMWP.

Q - What about Mil Spec markings that specify hardwood construction?

A - If hardwood construction is required, it is technically not covered by EC measure. In the AFSC, in this case, if it is costly to comply, we have ability to grant waivers for this one-year period before the UN measure.

Q - Do current wood pallets, etc with "preservative" treatment markings also require the additional inspection/certification under the policy?

A - Our preservative treatment does not meet the EC measure and therefore all wood packing materials require heat treatment for new production or inspection on shipments of existing stocks.

Q - Can Ammo Depot Use RF Wood Moisture Meters?

A - No. Only probe type moisture meters are approved in the AFSC Policy. Safety office would not approve RF type meters, because not enough research could be done to ensure they were safe.

Q - In the OSC policy, paragraph 5, it states that the policy is effective immediately for all shipments into the EC countries and AFTER April 2003 for non-EU countries. In paragraph 7 it states that it applies to all EU countries and all international shipments BEGINNING in April 2003. Which is it for the non-EU countries (after or beginning)?

A - Plan on 1 April for now. We'll know more exact date when time comes.

Q - In Encl 2 of AIN 15-02, paragraph 2b(1) gives specific directions for what to do if NMWP is UNDER 5 years old and in (2) gives directions if the NMWP is OVER 5 years old. What if it is 5 years old?

A - Locations should have more exact age of its wood; i.e., 4 years & 11 months is less than 5 years; 5 years & one month is over 5 years. If they don't know, treat it as under 5 years (have to moisture check).

Q - Will each Army Command have it's own policy?

A - The policy from the Under Secretary of Defense applies to all of Army. The AFSC policy covers only AFSC. FORSCOM and TRADOC are responsible for implementation at their installations.

Q - Where can I get the certification training?

A -The new link for the Navy training is now:
<http://www.icptarp.net/nematode> . Just click on WPM Certification.

Q - There are only two stamps on a board of heat-treated lumber - showing wood was heat-treated - when they cut it, one piece gets the stamp and the rest is no longer marked. What can we do?

A - There is no requirement to apply any other markings at this time. It may be a good idea to put a check mark in front of the dunnage callout on the Certificate of Inspection Sheet, indicating that the dunnage is heat-treated.

Q - There is a lot of information out on Moisture meters - how can I find one that meets all the specs?

A - Here is some information on moisture meters. On the one sheet toolcrib attachment, the Delmhorst J-2000 meets the OSC policy recommendations. One of my folks worked with a contractor on oak pallets with the Wagner L606. It performed fine. Had no readings over 17%. Some pallets had been to the field twice and were going to be recycled for the third time. Probed meters are a little more difficult to use on hardwood, harder to penetrate, must wiggle back and forth or it may be better to use the hammer remote attachment. If in a non ammunition environment the electromagnetic wave models can be used. If you have further

questions please call. More info and sources at
<http://www.osc.army.mil/ib/ibq/surv/gen/METSPkg.htm> Packaging,
moisture meters.

[delmhors.pdf](#) [gardner.pdf](#) [protimet.pdf](#) [moisturemeter2.pdf](#)
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Q - What happens if only a portion of the lot or if just the pallet does not meet the moisture content requirements?

A - You could repack the items into containers or onto pallets that meet the requirements, or you could ship the portion that meets the requirements, and place the rest of the lot locally in CC:E Requires repacking to meet requirements for OCONUS shipments. Use the defect codes: RPOE22 - in the clear definition would be - R: Requires correction of unacceptable packaging (including marking) to provide environmental protection prior to long term storage or shipment; PO: Outer Pack; E: Restricted or limited issue, not used when a restriction or limitation on use applies; 22: wet/excessive moisture. If the Pallet was the only portion that prevented the shipment use RPTE22, PT: Pallet. Then select another lot to complete the shipment.

Q - Can anyone sign the certification form?

A - No, only those persons that have taken the certification course can sign the form.

Q - Can you list any businesses that can certify our process for heat-treated lumber?

A - There is a list of names provided by DLA. [ALSC](#)

Q - What is the stamp that we will need to get and who can help us get certified if we manufacture boxes with heat-treated wood?

A - Each location that manufactures boxes must get certified for approval for use of the stamp and will have to set up a monthly review with an accrediting agency. The stamp will provide the proof that heat-treated wood was used and the process is acceptable. (which are listed above in previous question)

Here are the accrediting agencies.

National Hardwood Lumber Association, Memphis, TN 901-377-1818

Northeastern Lumber Manufacturer's Association, Cumberland

Center, ME 207-829-6901
Northern Softwood Lumber Bureau, Cumberland Center, ME 207-829-6901
Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Federal Way, WA 253-835-3344
Package Research Laboratory, Rockaway, NJ 973-627-4405
The Packaging Department, Bloomington, MN 952-967-9400
Redwood Inspection Service, Novato, CA 415-382-0662
Timber Products Inspection, Conyers, GA 770-922-8000
West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, Portland, OR 503-639-0651
Western Wood Products Association, Portland, OR 503-224-39

Q - Is there a process by which waivers to the OSC Policy can be approved?

A - Yes. The Packaging Application Team in ARDEC-RI will evaluate waiver requests. Contact Dave Piskorik, AMSTA-AR-WEP-RP, at DSN 793-6164, commercial (309)782-6164 or email piskorikd@ria.army.mil.

Q - How big does the card need to be that is put on two opposite sides of the pallet?

A - There is no size restriction - only that it must be visible and legible.

Q - Is a certification sheet still required for items that are ALSC certified (have the bug stamp)?

A - No, if the item is certified ALSC then the certification sheet is not required.

Q - What is the largest common denominator that we can use for certification? Box? Pallet? Container?

A - Pallet - each pallet in a container load must be certified or have the ALSC certification stamp on them.

Q - When certifying a container - and all the wood meets the certification requirements - can I put the certification sheet on the inside of the door?

A - Yes.